

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 164 – HB 505**

February 26, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes executive and legislative branch officials and registered lobbyists or employers of lobbyists to request the Attorney General to issue advisory opinions on ethics requests if the Ethics Commission has not issued an opinion in 30 days. Prohibits penalties for persons following the Attorney General's advice if such opinions are determined judicially to be unlawful. Requires informal responses given by Ethics Commission staff members to be verified by electronic mail 10 days after the original response.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Any decrease in state revenue as a result of persons following unlawful Attorney General's advisory opinions who otherwise would be penalized by the Ethics Commission is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the Attorney's General's office to respond to such requests is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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